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SUMMARY: PIANIST GRANT JOHANNESSEN WAS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN TWO CONCERTS IN LISBON AND OPORTO (3/12 AND 3/15) CO-SPONSORED BY PORTUGUESE STATE RADIO AND THE OPORTO MUSICAL CIRCLE. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (3/13) SAID "JOHANNESSEN DEMONSTRATED THE TRUE MUSICAL SCOPE OF BEETHOVEN IN TECHNIQUE AND FEELING..." "O COMERCIO DO PORTO" (3/17) CALLED JOHANNESSEN "AN EXTRAORDINARY PIANIST... WHO LEFT A MARVELOUS IMPRESSION... WHO WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR AGAIN SOON." END SUMMARY.

1. PERFORMING FOR A FULL HOUSE AT LISBON'S SAO LUIS THEATRE (CAPACITY: 1055), PIANIST GRANT JOHANNESSEN WAS BROUGHT BACK FOR SIX BOWS AMIDST SHOUTS OF "BRAVO" AT A CONCERT WITH PORTUGUESE DADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. ABOUT 40-50 PEOPLE WERE TURNED AWAY AT THE BOX OFFICE BECAUSE TICKETS WERE SOLD OUT. CONCERT WAS FILMED BY PORTUGUESE TELEVISION AND TRANSMITTED
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LIVE FROM SAO LUIZ THEATRE BY PORTUGUESE STATE RADIO (RDP). RDP ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR JOSE ATALAIJA PRAISED JOHANNESSEN AS A "TRULY OUTSTANTING PIANIST" AND HE SAID HE "FORESEES GREAT THINGS FOR FUTURE RDP COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY IN PRESENTING US ARTISTS".

2. IN OPORTO, JOHANNESSEN PERFORMED AS SOLOIST FOR 250 KNOW-

LEDGEABLE MUSIC FANS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR. NOTING THAT THIS
WAS JOHANNESSEN'S FIRST CONCERT IN OPORTO, CRITICS SAID THEY
COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW OPORTO COULD HAVE FAILED TO BRING SUCH
AN OUTSTANDING PIANIST AS JOHANNESSEN TO TOWN UNTIL NOW
("O COMERCIO DO PORTO" 3/17).

3. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO HIS MUSICAL EXCELLENCE, GRANT
JOHANNESSEN IS AN EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CULTURED PERSON.
A VERY FINE REPRESENTATIVE OF US CULTURAL WORLD WHOM POST
WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE PROGRAMMED.
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